

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A process for depositing, at room temperature, a softening lotion on an absorbent paper product, which lotion is a liquid at room temperature and is of the type comprising one or more emollient active substances as a dispersion or as an emulsion in a volatile liquid vehicle, wherein the proportion by weight of the volatile liquid vehicle is at least about 50%, and by directly spraying the lotion on said paper product by means of a stream of ~~gas~~ air under pressure so as to remove at least part of the volatile liquid vehicle in order to form and spray fine droplets of lotion, having a low proportion of volatile liquid vehicle, which are deposited on at least one face of the paper product.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein the pressure of the ~~gas~~ air is greater than 2 bar.

Claim 4 (previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the proportion by weight of the volatile liquid vehicle in the solution is at least about 50% to about 80%.

Claim 5 (previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the volatile liquid vehicle is water.

Claim 6 (previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the volatile liquid vehicle is partly extracted during the spraying step.

Claim 7 (currently amended) ~~A paper product, to at least one face of which an emollient lotion has been applied using the~~ The process according to claim 1, wherein

the amount of lotion applied to the said face is equal to at least 1.5 g/m², and wherein the lotion present on the said face can be easily transferred to the skin of a person using the paper product.

Claim 8 (currently amended) A process for depositing, at room temperature, a softening lotion on an absorbent paper product, which lotion is a liquid at room temperature and is of the type comprising one or more emollient active substances as a dispersion or as an emulsion in a volatile liquid vehicle, wherein the proportion by weight of the volatile liquid vehicle is at least about 50%, and by directly spraying the lotion on said paper product by means of a stream of gas air under pressure of at least about 1 bar to about 5 bar so as to remove at least part of the volatile liquid vehicle in order to form and spray fine droplets of lotion, having a low proportion of volatile liquid vehicle, which are deposited on at least one face of the paper product.

Claim 9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (currently amended) The process according to claim 8, wherein the pressure of the gas air is about 2 bar.

Claim 11 (currently amended) The process according to claim 8, wherein the pressure of the gas air is about 3 bar.

Claim 12 (currently amended) The process according to claim 8, wherein the pressure of the gas air is about 4 bar.

Claim 13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (previously presented) The process according to claim 8, wherein the volatile liquid vehicle is water.

Claim 15 (previously presented) The process according to claim 8, wherein the volatile liquid vehicle is partly extracted during the spraying step.

Claim 16 (currently amended) ~~A paper product, to at least one face of which an emollient lotion has been applied using the~~ The process according to claim 8, wherein the amount of lotion applied to the said face is equal to at least 1.5 g/m², and wherein the lotion present on the said face can be easily transferred to the skin of a person using the paper product.